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7. [] Met with Garner J. Cline, Counsel, House Committee on Judiciary, who told me it will be a week or more before the Chairman of Subcommittee No. 1, which will handle immigration and nationality legislation, will be known. He is reasonably sure that Chairman Rodino will be turning his interest to other areas and will not continue handling immigration and nationality. He indicated also that the Democratic Caucus for tomorrow has been rescheduled which may allow the Ways and Means Committee Democratic members to go ahead and designate a Committee chairman prior to the next meeting of the Democratic Caucus.

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8. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who requested, if possible, a briefing by the Director on the general world situation for the combined Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees for Tuesday morning, 16 January.

With regard to briefing Representative Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.) on a special project construction, Preston told me Mr. Sikes will be out of town through tomorrow. He will be glad to arrange a meeting for a briefing after his return if we so desire and Preston noted the briefing should take place as soon as possible.

Talked to Preston at some length about the House rules amendment proposed by Representative Paul Findley (R., Ill.) on the first day of Congress concerning a legislative budget which would establish spending ceilings and allocation of revenues prior to consideration of individual appropriation measures. He told me that legislation somewhat covering this same area was approved during the last Congress establishing a joint appropriations committee which will be having its first meeting tomorrow morning, although the measure which established the joint committee would seem to require a comprehensive legislative budget proposal. The agenda for the committee has not been worked out as yet.

I delivered to Preston for the Chairman the Director's letter of 8 January 1973 concerning withdrawal from the Reserve and explained to him the purpose for the withdrawal. Since the matter had been covered to his satisfaction on an earlier withdrawal for the same general purpose, he had no questions concerning the current withdrawals.

Briefed Preston on several items of current intelligence. See Memo for Record.

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